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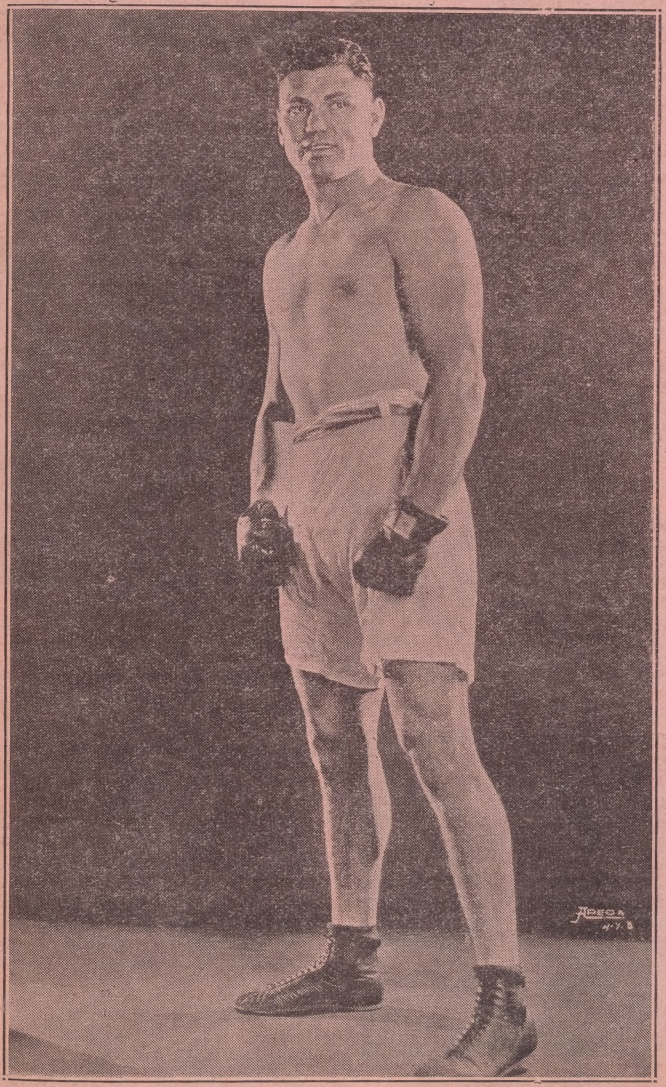

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JACK DEMPSEY

Heavyweight Champion of the World

Majority of the Sport Writers and Boxing Critics Always Pick Champions to Win Title Battles

Few So-called Experts Ever Give Contender Even an Outside Chance to Beat Titleholder—Most Critics Follow "Play Safe" Rule of Gamblers Who Always Back Champion Until He Loses—One Sport Scribe of National Reputation Has Guessed Wrong on Every Heavyweight Title Bout Since Sullivan Lost to Corbett—Managers Who "Discover" Championship Prospects in Green Preliminary Boxers Hardly Ever Get Any Credit for Bringing Them Out—Man Who Develops Fighter and Brings Him Along to a Title Possibility Generally Loses His Boxer About the Time He Is Ready for Big Money—Boxer and New Manager Should Reward Man Who Gave Fighter His Start

By MIKE E. COLLINS.
Editor of the Boxing Blade

SPORT writers generally pick champions to win, especially when the heavyweight title is at stake.

History of the ring for the past fifty years shows that 90 per cent of the sport writers could only see the champion as winner. As a result about 90 per cent of the followers of the ring game also string with the champion. Seldom is a contender ever given a chance to win, as the dope is presented by most of the leading sport writers.

Mike Collins

One sport writer (whose name we will not mention here) but who is a well known boxing critic and who is touted by himself to be a wonderful boxing authority, has never yet given a contender a chance in a heavyweight title contest, although he has been a prominent sport writer for about 30 years.

When John L. Sullivan boxed Jim Corbett at New Orleans back in 1892 this so-called great boxing authority wrote that it would be a slaughter, that Sullivan should be a 10 to 1 favorite and would knock Corbett out in three rounds or less. Corbett knocked Sullivan out in 21 rounds and immediately this great sport scribe switched to Corbett.

Couldn't See Fitz

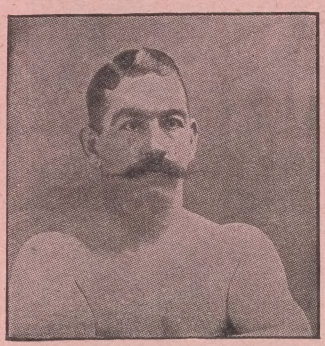
When Jim was matched with Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City in 1897, the same great authority wrote that it was a shame to put Fitz in the ring with Corbett as it would not even be a contest. He touted Corbett as a 10 to 1 bet to win. Result: Fitzsimmons knocked Corbett out in the fourteenth round and was declared a great champion. Immediately this writer switched to Fitzsimmons, declaring him unbeatable, etc.

Finally Fitz was signed up with Jim Jeffries, a young boilermaker from San Francisco, to fight for the title at Coney Island, New York City, June 9, 1899. The great authority previously referred to wrote that Fitzsimmons would knock out Jeff with a punch and that Jeff was only a set-up for Fitz. Jeffries knocked Fitzsimmons out in eleven rounds. This sport writer had again picked wrong and again he changed his allegiance and proclaimed James J. Jeffries the greatest of them all, giving no challenger for the title an outside chance with him.

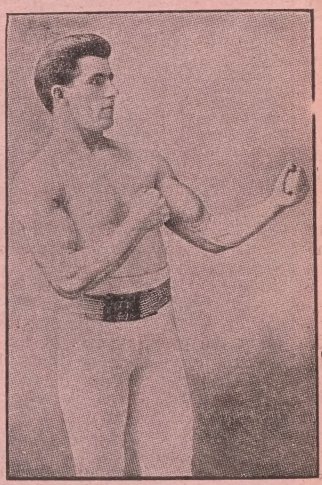
When Jack Johnson was matched with Jeffries at Reno, he stuck with Jeffries until Johnson won. Johnson was then his choice. He did not give Jess Willard a chance with Johnson. Jess won in the 26th round and the way this writer rallied to Willard's support after Jess won the title was wonderful.

Always Falls in Line

When Willard fought Jack Dempsey at Toledo in 1918, this same great fight critic did not give Dempsey a chance against the great Willard. But Jack knocked big Jess off in three rounds, nearly ruining Willard's physiognomy and having the champion on the floor six times. And again this great writer did his famous turn and fell in line, yes, before he landed back in his hotel room he was all Dempsey. He has been ever since and will be until someone beats Jack and then this famous boxing authority will again switch and string with the winner.



JOHN J. SULLIVAN



JAMES J. CORBETT

Last summer at Shelby he gave Tom Gibbons three rounds to stick with the champion, no more and maybe less. Again he was wrong, but he is still considered a great boxing authority when the real truth is he is only a great writer.

However, it is a fact from a bettor's standpoint that he who strings with the champions will win more times than he loses, simply because as a rule the champion gets the best of it. Unless he thinks he can win, a champion does not make the match, and when he does make a match he generally picks the referee and other things necessary to make everything as sure as possible for himself, while the contender must be contented with just the chance at the title.

So the critic who strings with the champion has the percentage against

the other fellow, providing he is just out to pick a winner. But regardless of all advantages in favor of a champion he will get beaten sometime. Any fighter who can hit, box a little, take punishment and keep fighting always has a chance to win a title regardless of what the so-called great authorities say.

All Contenders Once

It also must be remembered that all champions once were contenders, yes, at some time they were all preliminary fighters. At that time of their career very little credit or attention is ever given them by the sport scribes or critics.

And seldom is there any credit given the fellow that picks a boy out from the preliminary class, sees in him championship timber and pilots him through to a championship possibility. It is peculiar but true that the manager who has proved himself a wizard at digging up championship prospects from the green prelim boys seldom ever gets far enough or is big enough himself to properly manage his charges into a championship. His title prospects generally get about so far when some bigger manager comes along and takes up the work where he left off.

As a rule the fighter of class is a pretty smart fellow himself who nowadays early in his career gets to know that a good smart manager is as necessary to his success in the ring as is a good left hand when it comes to getting the money or a title, and after all these are the only things the boxers of today are after and no one can blame them for that.

So in nine cases out of ten the poor fellow who goes out and digs up a green boxer, sees in him the makings of a champion possibly two or three years before anybody else knew he was on earth, works with and sticks by him until the sport writers of the world are publishing his praises—about then, alas, this poor manager who is all wrapped up in his charge, yes, in most cases, is ready to sacrifice much for his boxer's success, wakes up to the fact that he is about to lose what he thinks is possibly everything in the world to him—his boxer whom he found in the rough and trained and developed into a championship contender, is about to be taken by some big manager. Yes, it is a terrible disappointment that this poor fellow has to endure, and it is all wrong as we see it.

Can't Blame Boxer

True, the fighter who is credited with having championship possibilities cannot be blamed for wanting the kind of a manager who can successfully guide him to the front. But at the same time the man who originally handled him, contract or no contract, should be taken care of.

Both the boxer and the new manager should equally give enough to effect a satisfactory settlement with the original manager.

Right and just as the above suggestion may be, it is seldom that the boxer or the big manager of today ever give a thought or even say a good word for, let alone make a settlement with the poor fellow who was perhaps the real and original cause of the boxer's success. So about the only thing the manager who has been left by the wayside can do is to pray that the boxer gets his head knocked off every time he fights.

Again we say it is all wrong—the manager who brings a boxer along until he is ready for big game should be taken care of.

Also, the writer or critic who picks the young boxer with championship stuff long before others know there is such a fellow on earth, and who occasionally picks a winning contender, is entitled to 100 per cent more credit as a boxing critic than the fellow who is always singing the praises of some champion.

OUR CHAMP

(Written by Mrs. Ray Rivers)

NOW folks, I wish you'd listen
To what I have to say,
It's about the greatest big boy in the boxing game today.
As a fighter he's a wonder,
He wears the heavy crown of fame,
And like the great old Nonpareil
Jack Dempsey is his name.

IT is something over three years since Dempsey won the crown,
In the city of Toledo
He smacked big Willard down.
The next go was with Miske,
In the town where whiskers grow like grass,
Poor Bill lasted till the third round
But then he was forced to pass.

BILL BRENNAN heard about this
And told them to deal him in.
Just bet your shoes and socks on me, for I am sure to win.
Bill battled bravely through the rounds
Until the twelfth one came,
And then he crumpled to the floor
Beaten, meek and tame.

CAME then the gorgeous Georges Carpentier,
Who thought he could whip our Jack
And he didn't have a fear.
In Rickard's big Jersey arena
Dempsey k.o'd him without trying,
And sent him back to dear old France
Beat up, sniveling and crying.

THEY scouted for another one,
They hunted high and low.
Tommy Gibbons was the one they picked,
For the well known Shelby go.
And Tommy was a wonder, he lasted all the way,
But glory's all that Tommy got,
While Dempsey got the pay.

JACK'S next is Luis Firpo,
The Polo grounds the scene,
We're wondering what Our Jack will do,
With the man-killing Argentine,
Well, I don't know what people think,
Or what they may or may not say,
But I will bet 'em ten to one he won't take Jack's crown away.

Harry Greb Wins World's Middleweight Title From Johnny Wilson by Decision in 15 Rounds

Pittsburgh Windmill Smothers Titleholder With Gloves and Batters Him With Punches of All Kinds for Full Distance—Greb Surprises by Making 158 Pounds and Going at Top Speed Throughout Bout—Loser Fights Game Battle But His Long Idleness Affects Hitting Accuracy and New Champion's Speed Has Him Missing Most of His Well Meant Wallops—Greb Gets Real Title After Ten Years of Striving in Ring

(BY BOXING BLADE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

NEW YORK CITY.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh is now the new middleweight champion of the world. After 15 furious rounds at the Polo Grounds, Aug. 31, in which Greb was miles ahead all the way, Johnny Wilson was waved from the middleweight throne by Referee Jack O'Sullivan.

It was the fourth time this summer a champion has been battered from beneath his crown in the Polo Grounds ring. Johnny Kilbane, Jimmy Wilde and Eugene Criqui all lost their premier rating here and Wilson joined the dismal parade.

Greb made a regular holiday of the battle. Contrary to all the advance "inside stuff," the Pittsburgher came under the rope at 158 pounds as strong as a horse. He set the pace from the first bell and maintained a clean advantage all the way.

Every round but the first, third and sixth were Greb's all the way from here to Pittsburgh. The first round he seemed to be experimenting and in the third and sixth Wilson pulled the balance nearer par with strong rallies.

Wilson Badly Battered

These rallies, however, were short-lived and although Wilson fought a bitter, dogged battle until the very end he was completely outclassed. Although he seemed to have himself well in hand all the way and only looked distressful at one steaming stage in the eighth round the former Charlestown boy was badly battered.

His left eye was nailed solidly with a hard Greb swing in the bitter eighth and was tightly closed when the bell sang them to action into the 10th. Johnny bled repeatedly from the first round until the end his face was splotched with livid welts from the challenger's flying leather.

Greb Unmarked

Greb, on the contrary left the ring unmarked, save for a red streak across his ribs. He was scarcely blowing as he skipped from the ring with his reward of 10 years striving —a real championship at last.

It was really Wilson's long vacation from the ring that beat him. His distance judgment was a myth. He overshot and undershot with rights and lefts and at times Greb's speed had him so badly foozled that he seemed trying to realize where he was.

Had the old sock been working in the order it was the night Wilson won the title from Mike O'Dowd, in the Mechanics' building, in 1920, there might be another tale to tell. For Greb, contrary to every expectation, came down off his toes and fought Wilson man to man.

Greb Shoots Straight Lefts

Only once in a while did he resort to the wild Dervish tactics that have gained him fame in the past. He did none of the wild swinging and aerial dancing that he was expected to do. He simply danced about the soggy Wilson, measuring him with a long straight left, striding in now and again to bring a hard right uppercut to wind and face.

Wilson seemed content to take three wallops for license to land one of his own. He let Greb come in, then he'd swing. He lost his championship because these swings went wide of their mark. It is doubtful if five of them landed solidly in the 15 rounds, while Greb, notoriously a weak hitter, was blistering in rights and lefts that piled up his mountain of points.

FIGHT BY ROUNDS

ROUND 1—They sparred in the center of the ring for a minute before Wilson landed the first blow, a glancing left to the body, and then they went into two short body exchanges. Wilson landed another left to the body and took a right in return. The champion retreated around the ring and Greb drove him to the ropes where the Pittsburgher got in some effective body work. From the center of the ring Wilson then drove Greb to the ropes with short body blows after which they exchanged actively in the center of the ring. Greb forced the champion to cover up, sending both hands to the body, and then the challenger did some damage at close range. They exchanged counter blows, each with one arm locked in the others'. They had a furious exchange in Greb's corner, again locking each an arm and pounded each other fully 20 blows apiece, separating at the bell.

ROUND 2—Greb was short with a right and they exchanged in a clinch. Greb began to bore in with his long, hefty swing, but Wilson met him. Again they locked arms and hit each other at short range. Greb held Wilson around the waist with his left and struck with his right until the referee stopped him. Greb rocked Wilson to the ropes with a right, but the champion clinched when the challenger added his right. Greb clouted a little bit and began grabbing Wilson around the neck with his left and punching with his right. They were sparring when the bell rang.

ROUND 3—They sparred for a moment and then Greb charged, swinging his right to the stomach, driving Wilson to the ropes with a fusillade. They exchanged at arms' length in the center of the ring and Greb began to charge again, landing hard rights to the body while he held with his left, for which he was warned by the referee. Wilson landed a hard left to the jaw before Greb again resumed his holding and received a severe lecture from Referee O'Sullivan. Greb had the better of a protracted exchange at long range and they began to spar when the bell ended the round.

ROUND 4—Greb jumped to the attack and landed both hands to the head. He blocked a right and then repeated with both hands when Wilson tried to cover up. They clinched several times and Greb ripped short rights to the chest and jaw. Wilson landed a few lefts in a clinch. The champion landed with a left to the chest and Greb missed a wide right. Wilson then came in and landed both hands. Greb sent a long right to the head and danced away before coming in again to hold with his left and pound with his right while the champion countered with short lefts. The round ended with the men ready to fight.

ROUND 5—They clinched immediately, exchanging off balance with one hand. Greb was very wild with rights, but he caught the champion and locked one arm and landed one hand to the body and the other to the back ribs. Greb landed a hard right to the jaw and then missed, but Wilson, who was pretty much on the retreat now, missed also. Greb landed a left to the jaw and Wilson shot a left to the body and bounced his fists off the challenger's jaw. Wilson rushed Greb to the ropes, but Greb came out slashing away with a two-fisted attack, and the champion resumed the clinching. Greb shot a right to the jaw and was going in for short range work when the gong sounded.

ROUND 6—At this stage Greb was leading by a wide margin which was not too wide. Wilson fought toe to toe in a most severe exchange, but after a lull he took a most severe right to the jaw. Greb landed another hard right to the jaw and Wilson sunk a hard left into Greb's stomach. Greb landed four hard rights to the jaw in a clinch and then Wilson sunk his right to the body before they clinched again. Wilson landed another right to the body and Greb began holding Wilson's neck first with one hand and then the other while he punched with his free arm. Greb shot a hard right hook to the jaw before they exchanged again. They were pounding in a clinch as the bell sounded.

ROUND 7—After a short delay Greb rushed and landed lightly and then they clinched, swinging both arms. The champion continued the body attack he began in the previous round, but Greb kept gingerly on the offensive. Greb sent three short rights to the jaw, and then his left to the body. Wilson missed a right and Greb landed a hard right to the head. They resumed their half-clinching, hitting with their free hands, but Greb, in the next clinch, held with his left and had the better of the one-handed fighting. The challenger swung a hard right to the head as the round ended.

ROUND 8—Again after a slow start, Greb sent a left to the body and then began to punch Wilson's left eye, which was half closed. Wilson was unable to solve Greb's clumsy and unorthodox attack and was simply blocking the leads which came from the most unexpected quarters. Greb held again with his left and punched with his right to the body both at short range and with long swings. Greb held again and Wilson was unable to counter much but as the challenger advanced Greb sunk two vicious rights in the short ribs. Greb was again warned for holding but it did not stop him, for he landed a dozen more blows from that position and had the champion obviously bewildered when the round ended.

ROUND 9—They sparred a little, while Greb analyzed his opponent's condition before plowing in, digging both fists to the body. Greb landed a hard right to the head and Wilson backed to the ropes, covering his face with his hands while the Pittsburgher whacked away. Wilson grabbed Greb around the waist to hold on and the challenger slipped to the floor. The challenger was hard at it again in a clinch and

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

GOV. AL SMITH is not in favor of a Dempsey-Wills match.

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This I learn from the very highest authority.

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A. T. Lumley

The old bugaboo about race riots is feared by the powers that be.

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Paddy Mullins declared himself in very strong terms before the commission.

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What satisfaction did Wills' manager get for his strenuous efforts?

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None whatever, only the old bunk stall and shenanigan again.

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The Jersey authorities are quite willing to allow Rickard to stage a fracas between Wills and Jack Johnson at Boyle's Acres.

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But Manager Mullins refuses to do any business with Johnson.

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Paddy declares that Johnson was offered $100,000 to meet Wills in Montreal over a year ago.

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And that Johnson demanded $125,000 guarantee for his end alone.

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This so disgusted the Montreal promoters that they dropped all negotiations immediately.

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"That's the reason why Johnson will never get a match with Wills," says Mullins.

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Who is big, powerful and efficient enough to referee the Dempsey-Firpo slaughter?

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There are really very few competent heavyweight ring arbiters in this state at present.

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Most of them are small of physique and mental ability.

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The commission should have had some rugged giant in training to referee the big battle.

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There seems to be an orgy of gambling on Broadway nowadays.

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The sharpshooters along the Great White Way are out for any sort of game.

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They'll bet you to a standstill on fights, baseball, horse races or even the weather.

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A host of managers, boxers and promoters are back from Saratoga Springs, financially embarrassed. Same old story.

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It's strange what suckers these supposed fly birds are for Saratoga.

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What a circus for Siki when he hits Broadway.

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But he better not buck the Tammany Tiger.

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Nor get into a conflict with the New York cops.

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They have had considerable experience with obstreperous Senegambian scrappers.

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Wonder why Leo P. Flynn brought Patsey Haley and Andy Griffin up to Endicott, New York, to judge the bout between Dave Shade and Georgie Ward.

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Suppose Leo only wanted some agreeable company while away from the Metropolis.

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But how the many up state judges are kicking about this intrusion upon their territory.

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At this, millionaire Flynn laughs and buys a few more lots in the Bronx.

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"I knew my goose was cooked when I saw the two judges from New York city," said Georgie Ward philosophically.

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However, the boys fought a hard battering battle and a return match should be still more interesting.

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But let us hope that there won't be any hand picked referee or judges in their next melee.

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Not that Haley and Griffin didn't render a fair verdict in the last bout.

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Wonder if the commission pays railroad, hotel and other expenses when they send referees and judges out of town.

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Also what logic is there in licensing judges in Binghamton and other cities near Endicott, if they are sidetracked for outsiders?

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Philadelphia Jack O'Brien is endeavoring to impart some of his expert fistic knowledge to a few likely young boxers at his Broadway gym.

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But the very clever ring veteran finds this an almost impossible task.

What the youngsters are taught in the gym they invariably forget in a conflict.

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Ex-Sheriff Tom Foley, the most beloved political leader in the U. S., assures me that he has no financial or other interest in any boxing club.

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There's been a lot of silly gossip about Foley and the boxing game along Broadway.

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Foley, however, is an enthusiastic fight fan (at seventy-one years of age) and seldom misses an important contest.

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They are peddling stock on Broadway for the new, big boxing arena that may be erected on 7th Avenue between 50th and 51st streets.

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It's said to be a $18,000,000 proposition with Ringling and Rickard as the promoters.

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There's some doubt, however, about the sale of the site to the promoters, according to some big real estate operators.

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Some say that Ringling and Rickard have a clear deed for the property, while others declare they have not.

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But it's hardly possible they are selling stock on a supposition.

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In the old days (before prohibition) we had what was calle "mixed ale scrappers."

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New we have a new breed known as "near-beer stallers."

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Cecil P. Dodge, the popular promoter of the Moody Club of Lowell, Mass., has been hunting Broadway managers for attractive indoor bouts.

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Jack Grace, the champion globe trotter, is meeting all comers again on the Great White Way after a year's absence.

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They call him "Casino Joe" Woodman now because he has beaten all the Broadway managers at the Casino.

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Including Paddy Mullins, John O'Brien, Jimmy Marsh, Joe Jacobs and some fifty others.

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The big championship fight overshadowed the Wilson-Greb and Leonard-Dundee affairs financially and otherwise.

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It was a great mistake staging these three world title bouts so close together.

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Jack Britton says: "If Dempsey and Tom Gibbons meet again, Tom will win."

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This is also the opinion of Dan Morgan and a number of other experts.

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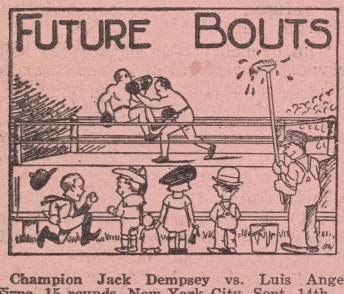


Champion Jack Dempsey vs. Luis Angel Firpo, 15 rounds, New York City, Sept. 14th.

Gene Tunney vs. Leo Gates, 10 rounds, New York City, Sept. 14th.

Georges Carpentier vs. Joe Beckett, 20 rounds, London, England, Oct. 3rd.

Pancho Villa vs. Tony Thomas, 10 rounds, Boston, Mass., Sept. 24th.

Joe Lynch vs. Frankie Daly, 10 rounds, Bayonne, N. J., Sept. 11th.

Willie Herman vs. Willie Shaw, 10 rounds, Bayonne, New Jersey, Sept. 11th.

Lew Snyder vs. Charlie Ryder, 10 rounds, Bayonne, N. J., Sept. 11th.

K. O. Phil Kaplan vs. Phil Krug, 12 rounds, Newark, N. J., Sept. 20th.

Jimmy Delaney vs. Tommy Loughran, 12 rounds, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 14th.

Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Mark Moore, 10 rounds, Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada, Sept. 21st.

Johnny O'Donnell vs. Roscoe Hall, 8 rounds, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 18th.

Earl Blue vs. Fritz Knipp, 8 rounds, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 18th.

Walter Grayjack vs. Kid Buck, 10 rounds, Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 14th.

Jimmy Muzzy vs. Al Wolgast, 10 rounds, Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 14th.

Larry Sobjek vs. Soldier King, 10 rounds, Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 14th.

Young Stribling vs. Mike McTigue, 10 rounds, Columbus, Ga., Oct. 4th.

Mike Dale vs. "Bat" Strayer, 10 rounds, Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 24th.

Harold Jelsma vs. Kid Larrabee, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 24th.

"Hob" Steel vs. Young Ritchie, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 24th.

Mike Dale vs. Owen Daley, Hastings, Neb., Sept. 17th.

Frankie Conway vs. Harry Gordon, 12 rounds, West New York, N. J., Sept. 11th.

Bud Taylor vs. Harold Smith, 10 rounds, Aurora, Ill., Sept. 11th.

"Rusty" Evans vs. Kid Morley, 10 rounds, Hastings, Neb., Sept. 17th.

Artie Sheire vs. Johnny Harris, 8 rounds, Emmetsburg, Iowa, Sept. 18th.

Buddy MacDonald vs. Joie O'Hara, 10 rounds, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 14th.

Donnie Dean vs. Rusty Evans, 8 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 22nd.

Artie Sheire vs. Connie Curry, 10 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 25th.

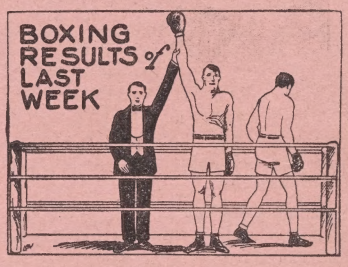
Bud Chambers vs. Frankie Merdin, 15 rounds, Garber, Okla., Sept. 27th.

"Bat" Krause vs. Jack O'Dell, 10 rounds, Ellendale, N. D., Sept. 21st.

Tiger Flowers vs. Battling Norfolk, 15 rounds, Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 16th.

Tiger Flowers vs. Jeff Smith, 15 rounds, Juarez, Mexico, Sept. 28th.

Battling Budd vs. K. O. Jeakle, 10 rounds, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 18th.



EAST

Harry Greb defeated Johnny Wilson, fifteen rounds, at New York City, Aug. 31st.

Jack Delaney defeated Jimmy Darcy, ten rounds, at New York City, Aug. 31st.

Cuddy DeMarco defeated Johnny Coney, six rounds, at New York City, Aug. 31st.

Irish Paddy Flynn defeated Harry Galfund, six rounds, at New York City, Aug. 31st.

Vic McLaughlin defeated Charley Arthurs, four rounds, at New York City, Aug. 31st.

K. O. Phil Kapland defeated Johnny Nichols, twelve rounds, at Rockaway Beach, New York City, Aug. 31st.

Nat Pincus defeated Tiny Trinkle at Rockaway Beach, New York City, Aug. 31st.

Jackie Gordon defeated Charley Lease at Rockaway Beach, New York City, Aug. 31st.

Jackie Harris knocked out Proctor Burns, third round, at Rockaway Beach, New York City, Aug. 31st.

Billy Miller knocked out Aaron Greenspan, third round, at Rockaway Beach, New York City, Aug. 31st.

Carl Duane defeated Jack (Kid) Wolfe, twelve rounds, at Long Island City, New York, Aug. 29th.

Mickey Nelson and Joe Dillon boxed ten rounds to a draw at Long Island City, New York, Aug. 29th.

Providence Terry Martin defeated Kid Buller, twelve rounds, at Harlem, New York City, Aug. 25th.

Lew Snyder knocked out Jack Carney, first round, in Harlem, New York City, Aug. 25th.

Willie Kohler defeated Tony Palmer, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 25th.

Sonny Smith defeated Frankie Alban, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 25th.

Daven Rosenberg knocked out Billy Naylor, fourth round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 27th.

Jimmy Slattery knocked out Wally Hinckle, third round, at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 27th.

Alex Gibbons defeated Chief Halftown, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 27th.

Mickey Dillon defeated Fred Thompson, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 27th.

Mickey Delmont defeated Frankie Fasano, twelve rounds, at Englewood, New York, Aug. 29th.

Eddie Burnbrook knocked out Al Norton, tenth round, at Baltimore, Md., Aug. 31st.

Wilbur Cohan defeated Terry Miller, ten rounds, at Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 31st.

Jimmy Smith defeated Carl Morris at Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 31st.

Dave Shade defeated Jimmy Kelly, ten rounds, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 29th.

Joe Ryder and Battling Mack boxed to a draw at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27th.

Harry Kid Brown defeated Jack Darcy at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27th.

Billy Devine won on a foul from Al Gordon in the second round at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27th.

Frankie Genaro defeated Bobby Wolgast, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Aug. 28th.

Fighting Bob Lawson defeated Battling Gahee, twelve rounds, at Washington Court House, Ohio, Sept. 3rd.

Frisco Kid knocked out Billy Patterson, second round, at Washington Court House, Ohio, Sept. 3rd.

Amos Alexander knocked out Kid Brown, fourth round, at Washington Court House, Ohio, Sept. 3rd.

Shine Horwath and Johnny Fundig boxed ten rounds to a draw at Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 27th.

Al Dundee knocked out Ed Burke, first round, at Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 27th.

Harry Henderson knocked out Battling Spinella, fifth round, at Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 27th.

Johnny Lee knocked out Tony Cappozzi, fourth round, at Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 27th.

Al St. John and Danny Shea boxed four rounds to a draw at Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 27th.

Eddie O'Dowd defeated Mog Pugh, twelve rounds, at Youngstown, Ohio, Aug. 29th.

K. O. Mars defeated Jack Zivic, twelve rounds, at Columbus, Ohio, Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Tommy Burns defeated Jimmie Lands, twelve rounds, at Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 30th.

Sidney Glick defeated Jimmy Dalton, ten rounds, at Fort Harrison, Ind., Aug. 28th.

Happy Atherton and Jimmy Sayers boxed to a draw at Fort Harrison, Ind., Aug. 28th.

George Fleshman and Eddie Dennis boxed six rounds to a draw at Fort Harrison, Ind., Aug. 28th.

Oklahoma Smith knocked out Al Flint, first round, at Fort Harrison, Ind., Aug. 28th.

Tractor Tracy and Dizzy Baird boxed four rounds to a draw at Fort Harrison, Ind., Aug. 28th.

Ernie Goozeman defeated Mickey O'Dowd, ten rounds, at East Chicago, Ind., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Mickey Forkins knocked out Charley Kirby, third round, at East Chicago, Ind., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Bud Taylor defeated Harry Gordon, ten rounds, at Terre Haute, Ind., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Artie Sheire defeated Joe Wyke, eight rounds, at Ironwood, Mich., Aug. 27th.

Eddie Boehme defeated Abe Thompson, ten rounds, at Ironwood, Mich., Aug. 27th.

Jack Zwick defeated Joe McCabe, ten rounds, at Ironwood, Mich., Aug. 27th.

Jimmy Brady defeated Jack Williams, ten rounds, at Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Sergeant Ray Smith won on a foul from Homer Smith in the first round at Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 31st.

Mickey Brennan and Bobby Fox boxed eight rounds to a draw at Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 31st.

MIDDLE WEST

Harold Smith defeated Joe Lynch, ten rounds, at Aurora, Ill., Aug. 31st.

Bermondsey Billy Wells defeated Tillie (Kid)

Mike McTigue, World Light Heavy Champ, Has Had 101 Bouts

Mike McTigue, light heavyweight champion of the world, up to Jan. 1, 1923, had engaged in 101 bouts. He knocked out 47 of his opponents, won 20 bouts via referee's decisions, won one bout on a foul and fought 28 no-decision contests. He lost three decisions and boxed one draw.

Herman, ten rounds at Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 31st.

Mike Dundee defeated Eddie Anderson, ten rounds, at Davenport, Iowa, Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Ralph Alexander defeated John Walker, eight rounds, at Davenport, Iowa, Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Kid Washington defeated Johnny Brown, ten rounds, at Hawthorne, Ill., Aug. 28th.

Oscar Babtiste defeated Kid Austin, eight rounds, at Hawthorne, Ill., Aug. 28th.

Kid Mack defeated Coco Williams, six rounds, at Hawthorne, Ill., Aug. 28th.

Memphis Red defeated Kid Billiken, six rounds, at Hawthorne, Ill., Aug. 28th.

NORTHWEST

Russie Le Roy defeated Otto Wallace, ten rounds, at Fargo, N. D., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

FAR WEST

Harry Bramer defeated Kid Belt, ten rounds, at Alamosa, Colo., Aug. 31st.

Kid Graham and Jack Vernon boxed to a draw at Alamosa, Colo., Aug. 31st.

Earl France won on a foul from Billy Hunifelt in the tenth round at Globe, Ariz., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

CANADA

Phil Kirkham defeated Joe Holland, ten rounds, at Saskatoon, Sask., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

SOUTH

Bob Roper knocked out Billy McGowan, fourth round, at Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 31st.

Bob Roper knocked out Al Benedict, third round, at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28th.

Battling Barnett knocked out Gene Poyner, second round, at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28th.

Harry Allen and Hollis Sullivan boxed ten rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28th.

Frankie Robinson and Baby Stribling boxed four rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28th.

Harry Allen knocked out Jack (Kid) Wofford, eighth round, at Sandersville, Ga., Aug. 30th.

Baby Stribling defeated Tom Jones, six rounds, at Sandersville, Ga., Aug. 30th.

Honey Boy Snipes and Dick Gore boxed four rounds to a draw at Sandersville, Ga., Aug. 30th.

Sammy Mandell defeated K. O. Mars, ten rounds, at Covington, Ky., Aug. 28th.

Pat Daley defeated Lou Henneberry, six rounds, at Covington, Ky., Aug. 28th.

Dave Fambry defeated Jud Miller, six rounds, at Covington, Ky., Aug. 28th.

Billy McCann knocked out Johnny Bass, fourth round, at Covington, Ky., Aug. 28th.

PACIFIC COAST

Soldier Burke defeated Jack Wills, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Billy Gibbs and "Dynamite" George boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Joe Monahan defeated Dick Wallace, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Young Riley knocked out Ted Henry, second round, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Bud Nolan defeated Johnny Walker, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Benny Silva defeated Johnny Lawson, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Battling Miller defeated Kid Bernay, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Charley Sullivan and Johnny Jordan boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Mike O'Leary defeated Billy Springfield, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Eddie White defeated Bennie Harris, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Alex Tasloff and Jack Burman boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

"Sailor" Smith defeated Neil Campbell, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Joe Firpo knocked out Curley Buffet, first round, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Tommy Murry defeated Blonde Burman, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Rocco Stramaglia knocked out Dan Ketchell, first round, at San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Freddie Bonillas defeated Jimmy Butler, four rounds, at Modesto, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Bert Colima knocked out Jimmy Howard, first round, at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Sunny Goodrich and Tony Puente boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Steve Dalton defeated Bud Fisher, four rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Tiger Rivers and Harry Brown boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Dick Griss knocked out Lest Chester at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Willie Lewis knocked out Joe Clark at Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Sailor Moser defeated Battling Ward, four rounds, at San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Battling Scotty knocked out Mexican Joe Leopold at San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Mike Downey won on a foul from Kid Williams in the first round at San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Billy Murray defeated Bob Cherry, four rounds, at San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 29th.

K. O. Kelly knocked out Kid Collins at San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 29th.

Jimmy Hackley defeated Eddie Doody, four rounds, at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Mickey Rose defeated Johnny Dugan, four rounds, at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Bobby Herman and Benny Lee boxed four rounds to a draw at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

"Dixie" LaHood defeated "Peewee" Nolan, four rounds, at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

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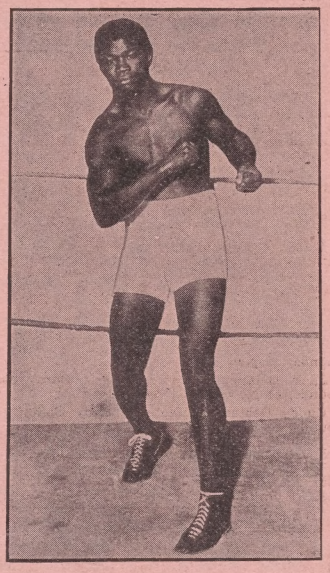
Battling Siki, Notorious Senegalese Boxer Has Had an Exciting Life

BATTLING SIKI was born at St. Louis du Senegal, South Africa, September 10th, 1897. He was bought from his parents by a rich French woman who was visiting in Senegal. She had him christened Louis Phal. He was then ten years old. For three years he lived with his mother by adoption in Nice. Then one day his madam met with a violent death and little Louis found himself an orphan. At the age of 13 he got a job as bottle washer at a Toulous bar. He remained there for three years during which time he did some boxing, having two bouts which he won by knockouts, receiving 80 cents for both bouts.



BATTLING SIKI

Louis was 17 when the world war broke out in 1914. Among the first arrivals at the front of France's Colonial Colored army was Louis, carrying a gun in the front ranks. From 1915 to the end of the war he saw continuous and deadly fighting. Louis seemed to be exceptionally brave in battle. He was decorated with both the croix de guerre and the ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

When the war was over he went back to his old work of bottle washing. During 1919 he worked in the kitchen of a big hotel in Nice, and the following year he re-entered the ring under the pugilistic name of Siki.

Siki got a match at Toulous, winning in spectacular fashion. He did so well that he was immediately signed up by a Paris manager for a tour of Europe. Siki was now 23 and agreed to fight his way around the world for practically nothing. During all of 1921 and 1922 he toured Holland, Germany, Belgium and Spain with periodical appearances in Paris and other French cities. On September 24, 1922, Siki knocked out Georges Carpentier in six rounds at Paris winning the light heavyweight championship of the world and the heavyweight championship of Europe.

Siki, after winning the titles, led the police and boxing authorities of France a merry chase. He was arrested and rearrested for alleged carrousing and saloon brawls. He declared that Carpentier's manager arranged with him to lose to Georges in the third round of their battle but he refused and knocked beautiful Georges out.

The French boxing authorities held several investigations and barred Siki from boxing, only to have Siki knock out a few more policemen and several waiters. Finally he was signed to box Mike McTigue in Ireland, 20 rounds to a decision on March 17. McTigue won the decision and the title.

Siki then returned to Paris and kayoed a few more waiters who worked at his various hangouts in the French capital. Siki arrived in New York, September 1st. He will attend the Dempsey-Firpo bout at the Polo Grounds September 14 and will challenge the winner.

Siki may never fight Dempsey, but if he gets away to a good start in New York we predict he will be one of the big fistic attractions of the season. Anyhow it is hoped that he has better luck than he has had since he defeated Carpentier.

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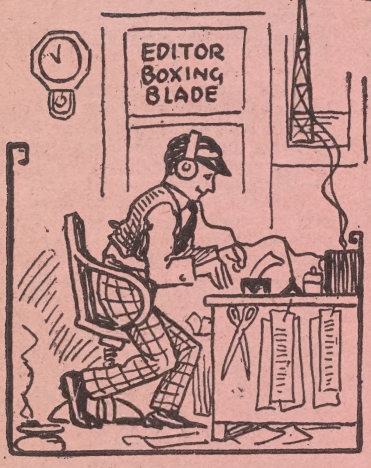

BRONSON AND BROWN HANDLING FINE STABLE

New York City.—The fistic troupe of Jimmy Bronson and Lou Brown is considered one of the best in the country at present. The members of the "stable" are Bob Martin, the A. E. F. heavyweight champion; Jeff Smith, one of the greatest middleweights in the world; Eddie Burnbrook, U. S. Army welterweight champion; K. O. Loughlin, veteran welterweight; the Zivic Brothers—Jack, lightweight, and Pete, bantamweight; Bobby Garcia, U. S. Army featherweight champion; Terry McHugh, one of the leading contenders for the bantamweight title; Johnny Leonard, a corking good junior lightweight, and Barney Geller, a promising flyweight. The offices of Bronson and Brown in the Gaiety theatre building are fairly flooded with offers daily from promoters all over the country, who are anxious to book fighters out of the B. and B. stable.

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EDDIE BURNBROOK K. O.'S AL NORTON

Baltimore.—Eddie Burnbrook, of Camp Holabird. welterweight champion of the U. S. Army, knocked out Al Norton of Yonkers, N. Y., in the tenth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout at the Gaiety Theatre on August 31. Burnbrook outclassed Norton all the way. His victory marked Burnbrook's third prominent knockout within the last few months. He had previously stopped Johnny Wolgast and Phil Bloom, both in Baltimore.

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HAROLD SMITH GETS POPULAR VERDICT OVER JOE LYNCH

Chicago.—Harold Smith, pride of the Stockyards, won the popular decision from Joe Lynch, bantam champion of the world in a ten round affray at Aurora, September 30. Lynch's title was not endangered, as it was a no-decision affair.

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JIMMY CASHILL BEATS JOHNNY ENNIS

Duluth, Minn.—Jimmy Cashill, St. Paul featherweight won the decision of the referee and judges over Johnny Ennis of Superior, Wis., in a fast 10-round bout here, August 30. Cashill's speed, cleverness and effective work with his lightning left hand kept Ennis on the catching end throughout the fight.

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LE ROY AND KRAUSE WIN AT FARGO

Fargo, N. D.—Russie Le Roy of Fargo defeated Otto Wallace of Milwaukee in ten rounds here Labor Day. Le Roy's speed and his big advantage in the exchanges earned him the decision.

Bat Krause, Fargo welterweight, won by a fair margin over Bennie Farness of Montevideo in the ten-round semi-windup. Krause used a right hook to the body and forced Farness to give ground in every close quarters engagement.

Mother Goes to Aid of Son When He Gets Socked in Ring

St. Louis, Mo.—Impulsive mother love was too great to sit at the ringside and see her pride and joy pummeled into pulp at a local arena here August 30th.

Kid Francis, dusky pugilistic son, was staging a losing fight with K. O. Walker, who proved his name was not a misnomer when he dropped the "Kid" with a stiff punch just before the first round was to terminate.

The excited mother jumped through the ropes and swung a vicious right at the victorious K. O. fighter. The latter, either through fighting instinct or the excitement, warded off the blow and retaliated with a hard punch on the mother's brow.

A battle royal ensued and black and brown fists flew thick and fast in the ring until police arrived. The defeated "Kid," taken from the center of the fray, was found with a club in his hand which he decided would be more effective on the K. O.'s head than boxing gloves.

The latter, however, was not seriously injured.

JIMMY O'HAGAN WINS OVER YOUNG FISCHER

Oakland, Calif.—Jimmy O'Hagan, Albany, N. Y., middleweight, scored a decisive victory over Young Fischer, Syracuse, N. Y., "Caveman" in a four-round bout at the auditorium here. O'Hagan was credited with winning every round and he had Fischer hanging on to stay the limit. O'Hagan was signed to meet Henry Melcar, who gained an unjust technical knockout over him on August 8th here when the police stopped the bout in the second round because O'Hagan was bleeding badly from a cut in the head inflicted when Melcar butted him. Up to this mishap O'Hagan had all the best of the scrap. Melcar refused to meet O'Hagan again. O'Hagan plans to return East after a few more bouts on the coast, where he has been highly successful in all his fights.

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BUD LOGAN READY FOR ALL WELTERWEIGHTS

Bud Logan, well known Minneapolis welterweight, is back at work at Jimmie Potts' gym in Minneapolis after a three-months' summer vacation. Logan reports he is ready to box any welterweight in the world, choosing Mickey Walker, Dave Shade or any of the other leading welters of the country.

Billy Wells, English champion, no doubt remembers his bouts with Logan at Davenport, Iowa, last January when Logan dropped him to the canvas for the nine-count in the eighth round of their ten-round bout. The bell rang and a long count saved Wells from a sure kayo that night. As it was, some of the papers gave the bout to Wells by a shade and some to Logan by a shade. Anyhow, no one has heard of Wells looking for a bout with Logan since that time, notwithstanding Billy has been beating all the rest of the welterweights.

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RICHIE MITCHELL TO BOX JOE BENJAMIN

Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee has been matched with Joe Benjamin for a four round bout at Jack Doyle's arena in Vernon, Calif. Richie stopped Benjamin in nine rounds in Milwaukee during 1920, but the tall California boy gave him a good argument at that. Since then Joe has had a lot of experience and has added to his weight, so that Richie may have his troubles, even in a four-round bout. Besides taking part in a few short matches, Richie is negotiating with one of the moving picture concerns regarding his proposed appear-

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ance in a picture similar to "The Leather Pushers."

While Richie is at the end of his career, a younger brother—Jack—is just budding into the limelight. Jack started the ball rolling by knocking out his first opponent, Harry Ryan, in two rounds at the amateur show given by the Knights of Columbus. Jack is more rugged than either Richie or Pinky.

FIGHTERS LAND BLOWS TOGETHER; BOTH TAKE COUNT

San Antonio, Texas—Boxing in a drizzling rain in an open air arena here Labor Day a double knockout was registered by Gene La Rue, Canadian flyweight champion and Kid Pancho, claimant of the Southern flyweight title in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

With the ring drenched with a steady downpour, both came from their respective corners and simultaneously hit each other with terrific punches. La Rue landing a left to the jaw while Pancho landed a right to the chin. The compact of the blows caused each man to fall face down; and both were counted out.

On gaining consciousness, La Rue, in delirium, struck the referee and everyone who attempted to check him from attacking the unconscious Pancho.

Both had scored a knockdown in the previous rounds.

ERNIE GOOZEMAN BEATS MICKEY O'DOWD

Chicago—Ernie Goozeman of Los Angeles, won a newspaper decision over Mickey O'Dowd of Muncie, Ind., in their ten-round fight here. The bout was featured by a double knockdown in the ninth, O'Dowd being floored momentarily and retaliating with a blow that sent his opponent to the mat. They entered the ring at 124 pounds.

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DANDY DILLON MAKES GOOD START IN WEST

Dandy Dillon started off the fall season with a bang at Butte, Mont., September 1, when he won the referee's decision over Weldon Wing, coast featherweight champion, in a slashing 12-round battle. Dillon went from Butte to Seattle, where he will engage in several bouts around the Northwest coast during the next few weeks.

FLOYD JOHNSON RESTS AT HOME OF PARENTS

Seattle, Wash.—Floyd Johnson, known in the East as the Iowa heavyweight boxer, is back home at Auburn, Wash., visiting his parents and incidentally taking a well-earned rest. According to good authorities around Seattle, one of Floyd's first acts after getting big money in the East was to send his mother a check for $10,000 to buy a farm with. Now the big fellow is spending a few days on the ranch drinking several quarts of fresh milk daily and resting up for future fistic campaigns by basking in the cool breezes of the Sound country. Johnson's manager is now in San Francisco where he is arranging to start Floyd at both Oakland and Los Angeles.

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MICKEY FORKINS KAYOS CHARLIE KIRBY IN THIRD

Chicago—Mickey Forkins, Northside 147-pounder moved a notch higher in his quest of the welterweight diadem when he knocked out Charlie Kirby. the rugged South Chicago 154-pounder, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout at East Chicago, Ind., Labor Day night. Mickey bewildered Kirby with his lightning left jab to face. This marked Forkin's second victory within four days, having won the popular verdict over Johnny Karr, of Cleveland, at Toledo, Aug. 30.

Dick Curley, matchmaker at East Chicago, is now trying to close a match between Forkins and Billy Wells of England for his club in two weeks.

Larney Lichtenstein is handling the affairs of Forkins who holds five decisions over Jimmy Jones, Youngstown welterweight who is New York state welterweight champion.

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MIKE DUNDEE WINS OVER EDDIE ANDERSON

Davenport, Iowa—Cleaner punching and greater cleverness enabled Mike Dundee, Rock Island featherweight, to defeat Eddie Anderson, Davenport bantamweight, in their ten-round battle Labor Day. Five times both Anderson and Dundee continued to slug viciously long after the bell had closed the round and several times the referee and seconds had to intervene.

A throng of over 6,000 spectators witnessed the show in the eight-round semi-windup of which John Walker, Moline light heavyweight and protege of Dick Curley, lost on points to Ralph Alexander, Iowa heavyweight champion.

K. O. MARS BEATS JACK ZIVIC

Columbus, Ohio—K. O. Mars of Cincinnati, lightweight, won the judges' decision over Jack Zivic of Pittsburgh in a twelve-round bout Sept. 1.

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BUD TAYLOR OUTPOINTS HARRY GORDON

Terre Haute. Ind.—Bud Taylor, local bantamweight boxer, outpointed Harry Gordon of New York in a ten-round bout here Labor Day, in the opinion of newspaper men.

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WILLIE MEEHAN BEATS ROCCO STRAGMALIA

Oakland, Calif. — Willie Meehan, heavyweight boxer, won a four round decision here Labor Day over Rocco Stragmalia, one of Jack Dempsey's sparring partners for the fight with Tommy Gibbons at Shelby, Mont.

Minister Will Meet Doctor in Boxing Bout

Kendallville, Ind. — The Rev. Earl Blackman, pastor of the Church of Christ, of Kansas City, Mo., has come to Kendallville, his native home, to train for a big boxing bout to be staged at Excelsior Springs, Mo., on September 28. It will be the feature event of the celebration of the Argonne forest drive. The Rev. Mr. Blackman, who attained an international reputation as the Fightin' Parson during the world war, by engaging in a number of boxing contests, issued a challenge to any member of the 35th division, of which he was chaplain, for a boxing match. The challenge was accepted by Dr. J. C. Jones, of Texas.

The Rev. Mr. Blackman has started light training.

Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Don't be surprised if Jack Dempsey, following his battle with Luis Firpo, Sept. 14th in New York, is matched with Harry Wills, persistent colored challenger for the title, before Jim Coffroth's arena at Tijuana race track in Mexico. "Sunny Jim" has not said much about the affair of late, but he has been doing a lot of thinking and acting. He made the trip from San Diego, Cal., to New York to see the Firpo - Dempsey match, but behind it was his desire to land a Dempsey - Wills battle for the world's championship.

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Promoter Coffroth has made a legitimate offer of $500,000 for the match, which means that Dempsey could have at least $450,000 of the purse, as Wills and his manager, Paddy Mullins, have stated repeatedly that they would fight Jack for nothing, just to get the chance at the title. Dempsey might possibly get a little more than that in New York for the contest, but there is a certain amount of "fellowship" between Messrs. Dempsey, Kearns and Coffroth, and if there is any edge to be had it will go to "Sunny Jim."

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A rather amusing part of Promoter Coffroth's bid for the big event is the fact that all his close friends in the newspaper world, and there are many of them, thought that Jim was trying to do Dempsey and Kearns a good turn by boosting the bidding and to get some advertising for his race track at Tijuana, but it is just the reverse. Coffroth was never more sincere in his life about landing a big match. Jim passed through Chicago and during a chat with the writer said: "It is true I am going East for the purpose of getting some of the big New York stables for our race meeting which opens Thanksgiving day at Tijuana, but I also had in mind a Dempsey-Wills match around that time to give some real color to the big meeting. To show that I mean business I will show you a certified check for $100,000 to bind the bargain, if it can be made, while I am there. It is no bunk or anything of the kind. We have had championship matches galore in the past on the Pacific coast and it is my ambition to land another big one. It is not a money proposition with me, but a sporting fancy only. I have already offered them $500,000, to be split any way they can agree between them. If I am successful in landing the match it will be held about December 1st, two days following the race meet opening."

Asked as to whether he had any fear about Dempsey losing to the South American, Coffroth said: "Not the least! Dempsey is a great fighter and a powerful hitter. Firpo may be strong and all that, but if he lasts over four rounds with Jack I will be surprised."

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For weeks Manager Jack Kearns has refused to listen to any propositions in New York for a Wills-Dempsey match, and the stories have gone out that the champion fears the colored challenger. That is hardly right. I do not think there is a man in the world whom Dempsey fears in the ring, and if they do meet Dempsey, in my opinion, will defeat the colored star. Offers have been made by Stamford, Conn, promoters, also by New York and Brooklyn clubs, but all to no purpose, and it looks very much as though the champion and his manager have been waiting right along for Jim Coffroth to land on the scene.

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It would be an awful shock to the sporting world to have Firpo win over the champion, but it looks like a sure 5 to 1 bet at this end of the line on Jack. The "gate" will not run as high as at the Dempsey-Carpentier match, for the reason that the prices of admission will not be as high, the top figure now being $27.50, including war tax, while at the Jersey event $50 was the limit. At that it will not be surprising if the receipts reach around the $1,200,000 mark. And Dempsey is liable to take down about $360,000 for possibly sixteen minutes of work.

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Battling Siki, the Senegalese fighter, and ex-champion light heavyweight of the world, will be at the ringside to challenge the winner of the big match. Siki landed in the states last week and was very reticent regarding his plans, except to say that he barred no one in the world, either light heavy or heavyweight. If some promoter could get Siki and Harry Wills together for a match and let the winner meet the winner of the Firpo-Dempsey bout, he would have another wonderful card. There would be little opposition in New York to a meeting of the two colored stars, but there seems to be an undercurrent of feeling against matching Wills and Dempsey in the East. The promoters may deny it, but there is no doubt that the feeling exists just the same. In Tiajuana there would be no opposition to a match of that kind. That is probably why Kearns and Dempsey have a leaning that way. However, Siki has come to the states "on his own" and wants a chance. He should be given that chance as long as he conducts himself as a real sporting man should. There have been stories about his wild escapades in France, but the chances are that many of them have been greatly exaggerated. Give the fellow a fair chance, then judge him afterwards.

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Harry Gordon, the New York bantamweight, whom Joe Wagner found several months ago through the good judgment of his wife, has been coming fast and looks as though he will soon be tapping on the champion's door for admittance. He has two important matches on for the near future—one with "Irish Johnny" Curtin at Newark, N. J., September 11, and the other with Carl Tremaine, at Cleveland, September 15. The latter has been considered the real contender for Joe Lynch's crown, but Gordon outpointed him some time ago. Now they are to have it out again, and should Gordon win Mr. Lynch cannot well ignore Harry's challenge.

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Since Jack Britton was dethroned by Mickey Walker the list of welterweight challengers has increased wonderfully. Previously there were few welters of any class, but they have been springing up fast the past year. Dave Shade, Billy Wells and Jimmy Jones are the most prominent before the public just now, with Wells holding the spotlight. Jock Malone tried to make the weight, but found he could not, so decided to stick to the middleweights. Two of the newcomers in the East are Georgie Werner and Issy Tanner, whom Joe Woodman and George Lawrence have unearthed. Werner, by his splendid battles with such boys as Paul Doyle, Nate Siegel, Soldier Bartfield, Georgie Ward, Morrie Lux and Phil Bloom has made himself a name, while Tanner has followed in the same path.

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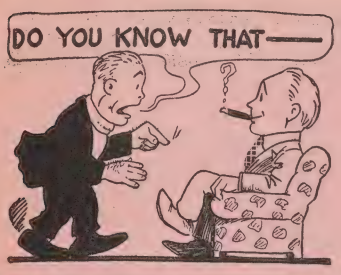

HERE is ten that Dempsey will make Firpo do a flip the first half of the first inning at Polo's twenty acres on September 14th.

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Good bye, Firpo,—
Back you go,
Back to Argentino.

* * *

Luis Angelo is talking of going into the movies.

* * *

Luis doesn't know it, but his only way into the movies will be to buy a ticket at the box office and pass right in the front doors just like the rest of us.

* * *

As long as there is darkness, there is hope.

* * *

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard,
To get her poor ice man a drink,
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare,
That husband was sure a wise gink.

* * *

Lucky indeed is he who can't afford to get married.

* * *

Martie Killilea did not lose any money when he got $50,000 for Johnny Wilson's contract.

* * *

Mark O'Shaughnessy also made a good deal when he sold Jack McAuliffe, the second.

* * *

Now who wants to buy Farmer Lodge?

* * *

Harry Lennon, St. Paul barber, denies he ever knew John L. Sullivan.

* * *

Shelby is bankless.

* * *

Windie Windsor tried to make Los Angeles police believe that Tham Langford was not a Boston Tar Baby.

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Head Lines—Jimmie Jones offers 1,000 iron men to cancel the fight with Wells. Jimmie originally must have been getting about two cents.

The shortest glove fight on record was when Del Hawkins knocked out Martin Flaherty in four seconds at Carson City, Nevada, in the semi-windup to the Jim Corbett-Bob Fitzsimmons championship fight on March 17, 1897.

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If I could not be an Are;
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I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might Have Been by far;
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has Been was an Are.

* * *

Johnny beat Mike and Harry beat Johnny.

* * *

Yes—Boston has no champion today?

* * *

Siki is here—ready for business.

* * *

Siki says talk is cheap but not with a judge.

* * *

We hope that Siki makes good. He has a lot of good ideas and a few bad ones. So let's forget the few.

* * *

No good drinking man ever died young in olden times; and it takes a good man to drink and live nowadays.

* * *

Pugilistically speaking, 1923 pretty well cleaned up the left handers.

* * *

With Lew Tendler and Johnny Wilson out of the way, the old way is the best anyhow.

* * *

Theus, son of Aegeus, the king of Athens, was the originator of boxing 2,100 years ago.

* * *

Fighting started during the time of Adam and Eve. Eve was the originator of fighting; she licked Adam and raised Cain.

* * *

Harry Wills is still waiting.

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Gene Melady, former manager of Earl Caddock, heavyweight champion wrestler, has broke into the fight game. A new heavyweight champion is Gene's idea and a fellow called Big Munn is the fellow Gene proposes as the next heavy champ.

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The Wolgast-Nelson championship battle that lasted forty rounds was the hardest fought lightweight title bout in ring history.

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Inside news on present champions —Joe Chip knocked out Harry Greb in two rounds in 1913.

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Jim Flynn knocked out Jack Dempsey in one round in 1916.

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Johnny Dundee was knocked out in one round by Willie Jackson in 1917.

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Benny Leonard was knocked out twice, by Joe Shugrue in four rounds in 1912 and by Frankie Fleming in five rounds in 1913.

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Mickey Walker was knocked out by Phil Delmont in one round.

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I beg your pardon cried the prisoner as the governor passed his cell.

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List of Entries in Boxing Blade Championship Contenders' Contest Numbers Over 200 Boxers

Harry Wills and Tom Gibbons continue in first and second places as fans' selection of opponents for Champion Jack Dempsey—Jock Malone gains in votes for challenger of Harry Greb, new middleweight champion who dethroned Johnny Wilson—Few changes among contenders in other classes.

REGARDLESS of what the New York boxing commission thinks of a match between Champion Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills, colored challenger for the title, the number of votes being cast for the "Brown Panther" in the Boxing Blade Championship Contenders Contest indicates that Wills is the first choice of the sport public as an opponent for Dempsey.

This week's vote gives Wills a total of 12,500 which is a lead of 2,500 over Tom Gibbons, who is in second place as a contender for the heavyweight crown with 10,000 votes.

Luis Firpo is a poor third choice in the eyes of the fans who have expressed their opinion in this contest.

Eleven other heavyweights are in the list of contenders for the big title but none of them has much backing for a title match so far.

Tom Gibbons Takes Lead

Tom Gibbons this week went ahead of Tiger Flowers, Atlanta colored light heavyweight for top place among challengers for Mike McTigue's title. Tom has a lead of 1,100 votes over his nearest rival. Harry Greb, who just won the world's middleweight title from Johnny Wilson, is third with 5,300, no votes being received for him in this class this week.

Jim Delaney, St. Paul contender, remains in fourth place with Gene Tunney, American title holder in this division, trailing Delaney in fifth position.

The dethronement of Johnny Wilson from the middleweight title now makes contenders in this class challengers of Harry Greb, the new champion. Jack Reddick, Canadian championship claimant, held onto top place over the week, but is being pressed by Jock Malone who gained 300 votes since last week, and is now only 300 behind Reddick. Jeff Smith is close up to Malone, holding third position with 6,400 votes.

The only change in the welterweight division this week was the displacing of Tillie Kid Herman from fourth place by Jack Britton, former champion. Dave Shade, Billy Wells and Jimmy Jones continue to hold the first three places in the order named.

Galiano Makes Gain

Basil Galiano, New Orleans junior welter, climbed into third place over Tommy O'Brien among the challengers for Pinkey Mitchell's title. Sailor Friedman of Chicago and Eddy Fitzsimmons of New York are first and second respectively. Charley White gained on Rocky Kansas in the contest to pick an opponent for Benny Leonard, but the Buffalo boxer is still in the lead with a margin of only 100 votes, holding 4,900 to White's 4,800.

Leaders in the list of challengers for Johnny Dundee's featherweight crown are still running neck and neck with Sammy Mandell, Mike Dundee, Andy Chaney and Micky O'Dowd, holding down the first four places.

Pal Moore, Carl Tremaine and Joe Burman are keeping in the front of contenders for the bantamweight championship, while Bud Taylor, Young Van Ness and Bobby Wolgast are still in the fore of challengers for Pancho Villa's flyweight title.

There are now over 200 boxers entered in the contest.

GREB-WILSON FIGHT

(Continued from page 4)

sent a very damaging right smash to the head. The champion looked as though he were wavering. He dug a short right to Greb's mid-ribs and dispatched a right and left to the chin before the bell ended the round.

ROUND 10—Wilson appeared groggy as he sat in his chair and his left eye was completely closed. They started slovenly, but in a moment Greb shot a straight right toward the injured optic and cornered the champion in a neutral corner. Greb whipped over a right in a clinch and slashed away with both hands when Wilson came in to clinch. With his one eye Wilson could see that Greb's stomach was slashed and he pointed for this target, but could not reach it while Greb backed away for a moment and came in landing wide swings. They had a short exchange before the gong tapped. Greb had a clear margin in the opinion of the experts at the end of this round.

ROUND 11—Greb swung a right to the face and Wilson missed a right at lead. They exchanged in a clinch, and then Greb landed numerous rights before he opened up with both hands. Greb held with his left, butted with his head and as these tactics were expected to count against him it was difficult to estimate his lead. Wilson shot a hard left just above the belt. Wilson was advancing to clinch and Greb intercepted his overtures by locking one arm and swinging the other. This was a slow round, and ended with the men sparring.

ROUND 12—They came together fighting and Wilson was cheered for livening up the battle with a left. Greb grabbed the ropes with his right and tried to pivot for a swing, but the champion backed out of range and Greb had to cross the ring to land a hard right. They went into another half clinch and Greb did deadly punishing with his right to the body and head. Greb sunk a left in Wilson's body and then crossed both hands repeatedly to the jaw. Greb slashed ripping uppercuts to Wilson's jaw and the Champion clinched when Greb again pounded with his left. In the next clinch Greb pounded with his other fist. They were going into an exchange when the bell rang.

ROUND 13—They clinched as soon as possible, backed away and clinched again, and in both instances Greb landed the most effectively. Greb advanced with a body attack and landed with both fists to the body, finding Greb very willing to mix. They mixed again until Wilson clinched. Johnny threw both fists into Greb's stomach and they exchanged pretty evenly until Greb shot a left uppercut to the jaw. Now Greb held with his left and punched with his right, but Wilson came back with his body punching and they had a desperate exchange in a neutral corner which the gong stopped.

ROUND 14—Wilson supporters shouted for him to do something, but he was averse and they sparred for a moment before clinching. Greb gained a few points in that and then hooked a hard right to the head and followed with a hard left to the body. They pounded each other's body in a clinch and then Wilson landed a hard left to the kidneys. Wilson landed a right to the stomach, Greb countering with both hands to the head. Wilson began to bore in, but he did it too slothfully and Greb had one arm around his neck and was pounding with the other before the champion could get going. They were fighting at the gong.

ROUND 15—Greb lurched with a right and Wilson clinched. Greb lurched again and Wilson landed both fists to the body, but Greb swung a hard right to the head and Wilson backed to the ropes. Wilson was wide with a lead and they half-clinched. Greb met his next advance with a left to the head, and when the champion next came, Greb held with his left and slashed punishingly with his right. Greb held with his left in the next few sallies. Wilson's belated activity was not worth much. Greb landed his right to the jaw and then pounded both hands to the body. They clinched. Wilson landed a slight right to the jaw and Greb was pounding him along the ropes when the gong ended the fight.

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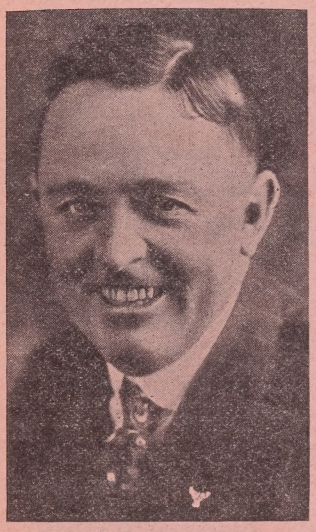
Thousands Turned Away at Opening of Jack Doyle's New Arena



JACK DOYLE
Boxing Promoter at Vernon Arena, Los Angeles, Calif.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—More than 11,000 boxing fans attended the opening of Jack Doyle's new boxing arena at Vernon, August 28, when the greatest stadium in the West was thrown open to the public.

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Reserved seats had been closed out a day and a half before the fights. The rest of the space was completely sold out and several thousand more disappointed souls were forced to turn away when every available inch of standing room was gone.

The program itself was the best that has been scheduled in a local arena for some time.

Joe Benjamin and Phil Salvadore fought four whirlwind rounds to a draw decision in the final bout of the evening. It was a close fight all the way with both men giving all they had. The end found them battling toe to toe and another couple of rounds would have surely produced some sudden result.

Midget Smith of New York won the verdict over Frankie Farren, local pride, in the semi-windup. The little New Yorker was too fast for the local boxer.

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Last Week's Results

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Freddy Ellis defeated Battling Scott, four rounds, at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Harry Lee defeated Dean Hood, four rounds, at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

"Racehorse" Roberts and Ernie Owens boxed four rounds to a draw at San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 30th.

Frankie McCane defeated Kid Koster, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Willie O'Brien and Frankie Dean boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Joe Pimenthal defeated Ted Frenchie, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Bobby Herman defeated Benny Diaz, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Mike Doyle defeated Eddie Doody, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Jerry Monohan defeated John Lundy, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Eddie McGovern defeated Tom Curley, four rounds, at Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 31st.

Correction—Our Aug. 25th issue of The Boxing Blade in the Result Column, we published that Henry Melcar knocked out Jimmy O'Hagan, third round, at Oakland, Calif., Aug. 8th. From information and clippings received from Dan E. McMahon, Matchmaker of The Knickerbocker Athletic Club, Albany, New York, Jimmy O'Hagan defeated Henry Melcar.

Willie Meehan defeated Rocco Stragmalia, four rounds, at Oakland, Calif., Labor Day, Sept. 3rd.

Phil Salvadore and Joe Benjamin boxed four rounds to a draw at Vernon, Calif., Aug. 28th.

Midget Smith defeated Young Farrell, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Aug. 28th.

Frankie Grandetta defeated Frankie Novey, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Aug. 28th.

Dode Bercot defeated Morgan Jones, six rounds, at Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29th.

Charley Moy and Sailor Walters boxed four rounds at Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29th.

Mysterious Billy Smith, Jr., knocked out Mickey Hannon, third round, at Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29th.

Fred Welsh knocked out Tiny Bott, fourth round, at Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29th.

Young Siki defeated Charley Leap at Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29th.

Roy Snall knocked out Jimmie Demith, third round, at Camp Lewis, Wash., Aug. 30th.

Soldier Tingley defeated Johnny Jackman, six rounds, at Camp Lewis, Wash., Aug. 30th.

Soldier Winters knocked out Soldier Accardo, third round, at Camp Lewis, Wash., Aug. 30th.

Soldier Riley knocked out Soldier Bergman, second round, at Camp Lewis, Wash., Aug. 30th.

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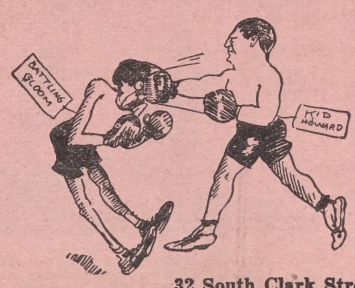

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